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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE ATTEMPTING TO MINIMIZE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTED INCIDENTS ON BORDER JULY 8-9. MILITARY AUTHORITIES TOLD DATT THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY INCIDENT AROUND EL PITO (PRESUMED TO BE NEAR ARCATAO, IN WESTERN DEPARTMENT OF CHALATENANGO). THEY HAVE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, SHOOTING INCIDENT IN VICINITY OF LAS TABLAS (PRESUMED TO BE NORTHWEST OF LA PALMA, CHALATENGO,), BUT DENY INVOLVEMENT OF SALVADORAN TROOPS. THEY SAID PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT GROUP OF SALVADORAN CIVILIANS FIRED--FOR REASONS STILL NOT ESTABLISHED--ON HONDURAN TROOPS, WHO RETURNED THE FIRE. A MILITARY TEAM HAS BEEN SENT TO LAS TABLAS TO INVESTIGATE, BUT HAS NOT YET SUBMITTED ITS REPORT. DATT IS ALSO CHECKING ON ALLEGED INCURSION OF LIGHT
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PLANE INTO HONDURAN AIRSPACE. WE HAVE NO INFO WITH REGARD

TO STORY APPEARING IN SENSATIONALISTIC EL CRONISTA, OF ALLEGED
"MASSIVE" ENTRY OF SALVADORAN CIVILIANS INTO HONDURAN TERRITORY
OPPOSITE EXTREME NORTHEAST CORNER OF EL SALVADOR. THIS
APPEARS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, SINCE MOST SALVADORANS ARE STILL
APPREHENSIVE ABOUT TREATMENT THEY WOULD RECEIVE IN HONDURAS.
LOCAL PRESS HAS NOT YET CARRIED ANY REPORT OF INCIDENTS.

2. MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE MAINTAINING
CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR HONDURAN COUNTERPARTS IN EFFORTS TO
CLARIFY SITUATION AND KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL.
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